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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings, and all prior versions, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. – 4. (Cancelled).

5. (Currently Amended) A reproducing apparatus which reproduces information recorded on a recording medium, comprising:

- a pickup which reads information including recording medium identifier information, a first content, and a second content recorded on the recording medium, wherein both the first content and the second content are audio visual information;
- a reproducing signal processing circuit which reproduces the information read by the pickup;
- a memory which stores a plurality of recording medium identifier information sets which have ~~never~~ever been processed by the reproducing signal processing circuit; and
- a controller which controls the reproducing apparatus;

wherein the recording medium identifier information includes an ID unique to the recording medium;

wherein the controller permits reproduction of the second content when the recording medium identifier information stored in the memory satisfies a predetermined requirement;

wherein the first content can be reproduced whether or not the recording medium identifier information satisfies the predetermined requirement, and

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wherein the predetermined requirement includes a number of the recording medium identifier information sets, stored in the memory, that are required to reproduce the second content.

6. – 9. (Cancelled).

10. (Currently Amended) A reproducing method for reproducing information which includes recording medium identifier information, a first content, and a second content recorded on a recording medium, comprising the steps of:

reproducing recording medium identifier information that includes an ID unique to the recording medium;

storing plurality of recording medium identifier information sets which have ~~never~~ever been processed;

reproducing the second content when the recording medium identifier information stored in a memory whether or not the recording medium identifier information satisfies the ~~satisfies a predetermined requirement; and~~
reproducing the first content whether or not the recording medium identifier information satisfies the predetermined requirement;

wherein both the first content and the second content are audio visual information, and

wherein the predetermined requirement includes a number of the recording medium identifier information sets, stored in the memory, that are required to reproduce the second content.

11. – 14. (Cancelled).

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15. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus for reproducing information stored on a recording medium, the information comprising:

recording medium identifier information for identifying the recording medium;

a first content;

a second content;

wherein both the first content and the second content are audio visual information, and wherein the recording medium identifier information includes an ID unique to the recording medium; and

a program which controls the reproducing apparatus to execute the steps of:

reading out the recording medium identifier information stored in the reproducing apparatus; and

reproducing the second content when the recording medium identifier information read out from the a memory satisfies a predetermined requirement,

wherein the predetermined requirement includes a number of the recording medium identifier information sets, read out from the memory, that are required to reproduce the second content.

16. (Previously Presented) The reproducing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the memory is detachable.

17. (Previously Presented) The reproducing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein a program required for the decision processing is obtained from the recording medium.

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18. (Previously Presented) The reproducing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the controller can obtain information from an external device via a network and a program required for the decision processing is obtained from the external device via the network.

19. (Currently Amended) The reproducing method according to ~~claim 19~~claim 10, wherein a program required for the decision processing is obtained from the recording medium.

20. (Previously Presented) The reproducing method according to claim 10, wherein a program required for the decision processing is obtained from an external device via a network.